from 2nd July 1997 to implement the Supreme Court Judgement in case of Shri R.K.Sabharwal Vs. State of Punjab.

(c) and (d) All the departments including autonomous/Statutory Organisations under the Ministry of Human Resource Development were directed to introduce 'Post Based Rosters' and to identify excess/shortages in various categories of Services/Posts in terms of instructions dated 2nd July, 1997 issued by the Department of Personnel & Training. The appointments being within the ambit of the respective Departments, Autonomous/Statutory Organisations, information regarding excess/shortages in various categories of Services/Post is maintained at the respective organisation's level.

Village Education Committees in Bimaru

2276. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the role being played by the village education committees in the BIMARU belt, to motivate parents to send their Children to school;

(b) how such people' initiatives are being financed; and

(c) the action proposed to make such movement more broad based?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Village Education Committees have been formed in the States of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Village Education Committees have been involved in the following activities under the District Primary Education Programme:

(i) Construction activities

(ii) Advocacy and Environment building

(iii) Use of school improvement grant

(iv) Monitoring attendance of children and teachers

(v) Raising voluntary contributions

(vi) Planning and Management/Microplanning

(vii) Identification of para teachers and alternative schooling centres. Activities requiring financial support are funded under the programme. These proposals are included in the Annual Work Plan under the District Primary Education Programme for financial assistance.

(c) It is proposed to give a wider role for Village Education Committees under the new programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to be launched during the current financial year.

Establishment of Indian Institute of Information Technology in Rajasthan

2277. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government established the first Indian Institute of Information Technology (HIT), on the lines of Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), at Allahabad;

(b) whether second similar HIT has recently been opened at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether Rajasthan has sent a request long back for opening such an Institute in that State, offering land free of cost, along with other facilities; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to open such an Institute in Rajasthan; if so, by when and what has been Government's policy in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The first institute was established at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh named Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management with the funding-pattern, resource-management similar to those existing in the Indian Institute of Technology. Indian Institute of Information Technology at Allahabad is second similar institute.

(c) and (d) A request has been received in January 2000 from